In the Abstract, please amend as follows:

A DVD terminal (20) makes a request for sending a sub-content (e.g., "model name" and "serial number" of the DVD terminal (20)) to an authentication server (40) (in this case, attaches the "model name and serial number" of the DVD terminal (20)) (S302). The authentication server (40) generates a random number R (S304) and sends it to the DVD terminal (20) (S306). The DVD terminal (20) reads a terminal key and a terminal ID that are stored in a terminal information memory unit (25), decrypts the received random number R using a terminal key (SK_X) (S308) and sends this the decrypted random number R and the terminal ID (ID_X) to the authentication server (40) (S310). The authentication server (40) verifies the random number R and the terminal ID that are received from the DVD terminal (20) and enerypted, and judges whether the DVD terminal (20) is the authenticated terminal or not (S312).